

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116

Expedited Procedure

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REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the indication of the allowance of claims 25-27. In view of the amendments to claims 1, 9, 16 and 19 herein, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19 should also now be in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13, 14, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. The Examiner questions whether or not the substrate is part of the claimed electroluminescent display and has also required clear antecedent basis for “the other surface”.

Claims 1, 9 and 16 have been amended to indicate that the electroluminescent device includes a substrate having two surfaces, an electroluminescent cell being laid on one surface of the substrate and a polarizing plate being laid on the other surface of the substrate. In addition, claim 9 is amended to correct a typographical error. Accordingly, the rejection for indefiniteness should now be withdrawn.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for anticipation by U.S. Patent No. 5,748,271 to Hikmet et al. The Hikmet patent discloses a device that can only be driven in the EL mode.

The present invention includes a device that can be driven in either the LC mode or the EL mode. Claims 9, 16 and 19 have been amended to recite that the device can be driven in both modes by using the word “and” in the final clauses therein, which indicates that the display device can be driven in the EL mode or the LC mode. As such, claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19 now clearly define over the Hikmet patent.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S. §102(e) for anticipation by U.S. Patent No. 6,218,061 to Hanna et al. The Hanna patent is directed to a device that is driven only in the EL mode. Claim 19, having been amended to require that the device is driven in the LC mode and the EL mode, now also clearly defines over the Hanna patent.

Withdrawal of the prior art rejections of claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19 is respectfully requested.

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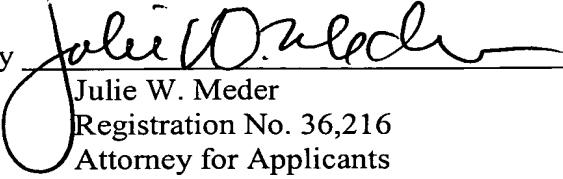
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In view of the amendments to claims 1, 9, 16 and 19, claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19 are now in condition for allowance, along with allowed claims 25-27.

Respectfully submitted,

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